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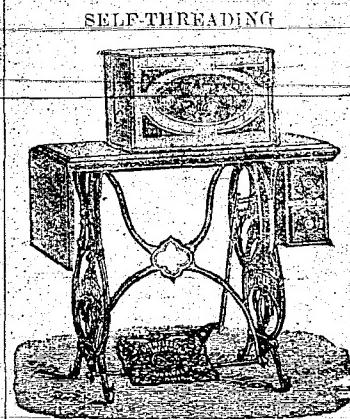
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iting this locality.

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 Postoffice.

The family of W. Babitt, near
 the tank, bailed with delight the entree
 of a son on Tuesday of this week.

FARM FOR SALE. I have a Farm
 of 100 acres for Sale Cheap.

G. M. E. DAVIS, Grayling.

Rev. S. Edgecumbe will preach at
 the school house in Fredericville, on
 Sunday next, at the usual hours.

Mr. Wm. Brink is preparing to
 build him a house on his place just
 east of Goodale's addition to this vil-

The first installment of the buck-
 elberry crop reached this village last
 week, and commanded a shilling per
 quart.

Mr. Civils Range is having his
 house re-shingled, and otherwise re-
 paired in the northern part of this
 village.

Prosecuting Attorney, J. O. Had-
 ley, of this village, broke his 13 out of
 16 bills at Orso Lake on July 14th, and
 captured the 2nd prize.

Mr. Chas. Hawley, of the Harder
 House, starts for North Newberg, Shi-
 awasse county, to-morrow, where he
 will help harvest his wheat, of which
 he has some 35 acres.

Parties from the Manistee river
 come in every few days with lots of
 fine grayling trout, which are said to
 be just as plentiful as ever in that
 stream.

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 went into effect on Monday of this
 week, and the mail now goes south at
 12:02, P. M., instead of 7:42 A. M., and
 the mail north at 6:45 P. M., instead of

1:15 P. M.

Don't pour Alcohol on the fire, and
 don't take anything that has alcohol
 in it to help inflamed kidneys. War-
 ner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure is
 pure vegetable, and acts directly upon
 the kidneys and liver.

The summer term of our village
 school was brought to a successful
 close on Friday last, in the form of a
 picnic for the pupils, in the pine grove
 near the Court House, where recita-
 tions, readings, essays, singing and
 swinging were the principal attractions.

EXECUTION SALE. The sale of

the 5 sleighs, 2 set of wheels and one

wagon, seized by Constable Harrington
 by virtue of two executions issued

out of the Justice Court, which was to

occur yesterday at one o'clock P. M.

See to it, lumbermen and campmen, that you

are there to bid.

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of who discovered the present comet

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THE GRANGER'S WOOG.

Oh, come, my love, and live with me,
And keep my cottage in the glen,
As patient as a bumble-bee,
As busy as a setting sun.

On, rest beneath my fragrant bower,
Where sweet aromatic dots entwine;
Come, smell the gentle cañdifer,
And curl the mangold-wurz vine.

At I listen to the rural song!
The peal shall wind his magic strob,
As echo plaintively prolongs—
The warble of the piper.

Beyond the verdicilli row,
I hear the bullock sigh again—
The rattle of the Durham ewe,
The bellow of the Blackheath cow.

Oh, come, love, come! the morn is fair,
To celebrate the day with thee;

I'll merrily dig the Bartlett pear,
And shake the crabapple tree.

Oh, hump yourself, my lovely Poll,
And, in the cause of anti-monop.
We'll muck the twigs in the fall
And graft the long clam on the boy.

My sweetest! I am fond of mush,
And thou will set some out for me;

We'll early sow the currant bush
And tap the cranberry-jelly tree.

We'll pull the wool from off the calf—
The cottonwood its fibres shall shed;

Scot the white will we laugh
And gayly weed the oyster-bed.

We'll blithely hoe the winter wheat;
We'll chase the eggs the squirrel lay;
And when the Ban' am hog shall bay,
We'll feed him with some clover hay.

THE MYSTERIOUS WIDOW.

During the summer of 1811 the British had not only laid claim to all that portion of the district of Maine lying east of the Penobscot, but Admiral Griffin and Sir John Sherbrooke, the latter being the Governor General of Nova Scotia, had been sent with a heavy force to take possession and occupy the town of Castine, which place commands the entrance to the Penobscot river. Shortly before the arrival of the English squadron Commodore Thomas Tucker had been sent around to Penobscot bay to protect American coasters, and while the British sailed up to Castine he lay at Thompson's.

It was a schooner that the Commodore commanded, but she was a heavy one, well armed and manned, and she carried the true Yankee "grip" upon her decks, of which the enemy had received from them rather too many proofs. On the morning of the 23rd of August a messenger was sent down from Belfast with the information that the British frigate was coming from Castine to take him. Tucker knew that the British feared him, and also that Sir John Sherbrooke had offered a large amount for his capture.

When the Commodore received the intelligence his vessel was lying at one of the low wharves, where he would have to wait two hours for the tide to get him off, but he hastened to have everything prepared to get her off as soon as possible, for he had no desire to meet the frigate.

The schooner's keel was just cleared from the mud, and one of the men had been sent on the wharf to cast off the bowline, when a wagon, drawn by one horse, came rattling down to the spot. The driver, a rough-looking countryman, got up upon the wharf, and then assisted a middle-aged woman from the vehicle. The lady's first inquiry was for Commodore Tucker. He was pointed out to her, and she stepped upon the schooner's deck and approached him.

"Commodore," she asked, "when do you sail from here?"

"We'll sail right off as soon as possible, madam."

"Oh, then, I know you will be kind to me," the lady urged in persuasive tones. "My poor husband died yesterday, and I wish to carry his corpse to Wiscasset, where we belong, and where his parents will take care of it."

"But, my good woman, I shan't go to Wiscasset."

"If you will only land me at the mouth of the Sheepscot, I will ask no more. I can easily find a boat there to take me up."

"Where is the body?" asked Tucker.

"In the wagon," returned the lady, at the same time raising the corner of her shawl to wipe away the gathering tears. "I have a sum of money with me, and you shall be paid for the trouble."

"Tut, tut, woman; if I accommodate you there won't be any pay about it."

The kind-hearted old Commodore was not the man to refuse a favor, and, though he liked not the bother of taking the woman and her strange accompaniment on board, yet he could not refuse. When he told her he would do as she had requested, she thanked him with many tears in her eyes.

Some of the men were sent up the wharf to bring the body on board. A long buffalo robe was lifted by the man who drove the wagon; blemishes appeared at a neat black coffin. Some words were passed by the seaman as they were putting the coffin on board, which went to show pretty plainly that the affair did not exactly suit them. But it may have been but prejudice on their part, but the seamen should be allowed a prejudice once in a while, when we consider the many stern realities they have to encounter. "Hush, my good man," said the Commodore, as he heard their remonstrance. "Suppose you were to die away from home—would you not wish that your last remains be carried to your poor parents? Come, hurry now."

The men said no more, and ere long the coffin was placed in the hold, and the woman was shown to the cabin. In less than half an hour the schooner was cleared from the wharf, and standing out from the bay. The wind was light from the eastward, but Tucker had no

fear of the frigates now that he was out of the bay.

In the evening the lady passenger came on deck, and the Commodore assured her that he should be able to land her early on the next morning. She expressed her gratitude and satisfaction, and remarked that before she retired she would like to look and see that her husband's corpse was safe. This was, of course, granted, and one of the men lifted off the hatch that she might go down into the hold.

"No, no," he uttered, as he leaped from the hold. "No, no—my men. Do nothing rashly. Let me go into the cabin first. You may follow me."

Commodore Tucker strode into the cabin, walked up to the bunk where his passenger lay, and grasping hold of the female dress, he dragged its wearer out upon the floor. There was a sharp resistance, and the passenger drew a pistol, but it was quickly knocked away—the gown was torn off, and a man came forth from the remnants of calico and linen.

The fellow was assured that his whole plot had been discovered, and at length he owned that it had been his plan to turn out in the course of the night and get hold of the ball of twine, which he had left in a convenient place; then he intended to have gone off, carefully unwinding the string as he went along, then to have got into the boat, cut the falls, and as the boat fell into the water he would have pulled smartly upon the twine.

"And I think you know," he continued, with a wicked look, "what would have followed. I shouldn't have been noticed in the fuss—I'd have got out of the way with the boat, and you'd have been in the next world in short order. And all I can say is that I'm sorry I didn't do it."

It was with much difficulty that the Commodore prevented his men from killing the villain on the spot. He proved to be one of the enemy's officers, and was to have a heavy reward if he succeeded in destroying the Commodore and his crew.

The prisoner was carried on deck and lashed to the main rigging, where he was told to remain until the vessel got into port.

"What a horrid death that villain meant for us," uttered Carter.

"Yes, he did," said Tucker, with a shudder.

"He belongs to the same gang that's been a robbing' and burnin' the poor folks' houses on the eastern coast," said one of the men.

"Yes," said the Commodore, with a nervous twitch of the muscles about his mouth.

A bitter curse from the prisoner now broke on the air, and, with a clenched fist, the Commodore went below.

In the morning, when Tucker came on deck, Seguin was in sight upon the starboard bow, but when he looked for the deck with the "Ugh" above mentioned.

"Blow me! I am!" said Dan. "Hold on—why, bless my soul, there's a big spider right on your hair! No—not there. Here! I'll—ugh!"

The last ejaculation Dan made as he seemed to pull something from the woman's hair, which he threw upon the deck with the "Ugh" above mentioned.

Shortly after the passengers went below, and ere long Tucker came on deck.

"Commodore," said Carter, with a remarkable degree of earnestness in his manner, "is the man turned in?"

"I rather think so," said Tucker, looking at the compass. "Look out, look out, Carter! Why, man alive, you're two points to the southward of your course."

"Blow me! I am!" said the man, bringing the helm smartly aport. "But say, didn't you notice anything peculiar about the old 'oman?"

"Why, Dan, you seem greatly interested about her."

"So I am, Commodore, am! so I am about the coon, too. Wouldn't it be well for you and I to overhaul it?"

"Fshaw! you're as scared as a child in a graveyard!"

"No, not a bit. Just hark a bit. That 'oman ain't no 'oman."

The Commodore pronounced the name of His Sathan Majesty in the most emphatic manner.

"It's the truth, Commodore. I can swear to it. I pretended there was a spider on her hair, and I rubbed my hand agin' her face. By Sam Hyde, if it wasn't as rough and bearded as an iron-stone. You see she told me as how I'd let the boom-ja if I didn't look out. I know there wasn't no 'oman here, and so I tried her. Call somebody at the wheel, and let's go and look at that coffin."

"Well, well—I can't blame them. If the inaudacious villain's going to death he's only met a fate which he richly deserved. Better far be it for him than that my noble crew were all now in ocean's cold grave."

THE ROYAL FAMILY OF RUSSIA.

It may be a platitude, writes G. A. Sals, to remark that illustrious rank, an income of a great many thousands of rubles a year, a fine house to live in, French cook and plenty of servants, and a maid-a-marie from the face. By Sam Hyde, if

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The Commodore was wonder struck by what he had heard, but with a calm presence of mind that made him what he was so coolly to thinking. In a few minutes he called one of the men ashore to relieve Carter, and then he went down to look after his passenger. The latter had turned in and seemed to be sleeping. Turner returned and took Carter aside.

"No noise now, Carter; follow me as though nothing had happened."

"Sartin."

The two approached the main hatch and stooped to raise it, when Dan's hand touched a small ball that seemed to have been pinned up under the after break of the hatch.

"It's a ball of twine," said he.

"Don't touch it, but run and get a lantern," replied Tucker.

Carter sprang to obey, and when he returned a number of the men had gathered about the spot. The hatch was raised and the Commodore carefully picked up the ball of twine and found that it was made fast to something below. He descended to the hold, and there he found that the twine ran in beneath the lid of the coffin. He had no doubt now that there was mischief boxed up below, and sent Carter for something that might answer for a screw-driver.

The man soon returned with a stout knife, and the Commodore set to work. He worked very carefully, however, at the same time keeping a bright lookout for the string.

At length the screws were out, and the lid very carefully lifted from its place.

"Great God in heaven!" burst from the lips of the Commodore.

"By Sam Hyde!"—dropped like a thunder-clap from the lips of young Dan.

"God bless you, Dan!" said the Commodore.

"I know'd it," muttered Dan.

The two men stood for a moment and gazed into the coffin. There was no dead man there, but in place thereof there was material for the death of a score. The coffin was filled with gunpowder and pitchwood; upon a light framework in the center were arranged four pistols, all cocked, and the string

entering the coffin from without communicated with the trigger of each.

The first movement of the Commodore was to call for cold water, and when it was brought he dashed three or four bucketsfuls into the informal contrivance, and then breathed more freely.

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BIOGRAPHICAL.

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the Governor, and he was for six years

Brigade Inspector of the Seventh Brdgde N. Y. S. N. G.

He was elected to the Senate of

the State of 1874-75, and became Presi-

dent pro tem. of that body.

He has since been re-elected more than once, and has been Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. He has also been for several years a member of the Republican State Committee.

In 1879 he was the leading candidate

for the nomination of Governor against Mr. Cornell, but he failed to secure the coveted prize. Last year he was a delegate to the Chicago Convention, at which he was presumed he would act in harmony with Mr. Conkling in certain momentous relations, but those who entertained this presumption were soon undeceived; for, from whatever cause, he declined to co-operate with that Senator, but adopted a course antagonistic to that of the Republican leader, and became a supporter of the views entertained by Mr. Blaine. All this may, of course, be capable of explanation; but whether it be or not, it was evidently not distasteful to the Executive, in the distribution of offices.

Mr. Robertson was selected by the President to fill that important post, the Collectorship of New York. In this selection

Mr. Conkling chose to discover an act

of hostility toward himself and his party;

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

FOREIGN.

There are 40 tons of gunpowder in the hills of the Mersey, near Liverpool, and considerable apprehension exists lest the dreaded Fenians might apply a match to the powder. To guard against this a revenue cruiser is always on watch.

The National Liberal party of Germany will make a demand for the reduction of the term of service in the army from three to two years one of the planks of their platform at the approaching Parliamentary elections.

A brother of Mrs. Langtry, the famous English beauty, was killed by a tiger in India.

An English newspaper sees in the act of German the existence of a contagious epidemic passing through the world, and from which neither republics nor monarchies are safe.

It is stated that France and other countries of the Latin Union, and probably Holland, will undertake to be bantamites. The proposal by America to coin annually an amount of gold and silver equal to the annual production meets with great favor in the conference at Paris.

The French have commenced shelling Sfax, in Northern Africa, and the fire was returned. Four battalions of the Lyons garrison have failed to participate in the struggle.

There is a prospect of a splendid wheat harvest in Southern Russia. In the provinces of Charkov and Chernov, however, the corn beetle is so destructive that the Government will lend the farmers 100,000 rubles toward the cost of exterminating them.

The British Government has interceded with the Sultan on behalf of Midhat Pasha.

PERSONAL.

E. E. Farman, Agent and Consul General of the United States at Cairo, has been made one of the Judges of the International Court of Egypt. Simon Wolf, of the District of Columbia, has been appointed Consul General vice Mr. Farman.

Gen. B. F. Frye, Assistant Adjutant General, has been placed on the retired list.

Gen. Robert Williams will become full Colonel,

and Gen. Thomas Vincent Lieutenant Colonel, as a consequence of this change, and Col.

William Mitchell, on the staff of Gen. Hancock, will be promoted, at the request of Gen. Hancock.

Richard Hamilton, one of the thirteen volunteers who aided Lieut. Will Cushing in blowing up the rebel rail Albermarle, at Plymouth, N. C., died of paralysis at Camden, N. J.

Ex-Senator Conkling has written a letter to Attorney General MacVeagh, in which he expresses abhorrence of Guiteau's dastardly attempt, and suggests an amendment to the Criminal Code which would make it a greater offense to attempt a life of special value to the whole people than to attempt the life of an individual. He says his " profound sympathies are with the President and all of you (meaning the Cabinet officers) every hour."

He wishes Mr. MacVeagh to express to the President his deepest sympathy "in this hour which should hush all discords and enlist prayers for his safe deliverance." Mr. Conkling also asks that his most respectful confidence be expressed to Mrs. Garfield.

GENERAL.

During the six months ending June 30, 241,863 immigrants arrived at Castle Garden, against 176,983 for the corresponding period of last year.

During the past four years 1,003,514,000 postal cards were issued from the Postoffice Department at Washington.

Gov. Cornell has vetoed the bill passed by the New York Legislature providing that the pupils attending the Brooklyn public schools should be furnished school-books at the expense of the municipality.

Yale has Harvard in the college heatrace.

One of the last acts of President Garfield was the appointment of Hanibal Hamlin as Minister to Spain. General Lucia Fairchild having asked to be relieved.

Reports are received of massacres by hostile Apache Indians in New Mexico and Northern Mexico. A stage coach was attacked south of El Paso and its four passengers and two drivers killed, and there is a report of the killing of a surveying party of thirty persons on the Mexican Central railroad.

A remarkable change has occurred to the comet. A portion of the nucleus has been thrown off some 1,500 miles from the sun body. Prof. Stone of Cincinnati, the discoverer of the clump, says the new nucleus, which is located toward the north star, can be seen with the naked eye.

Postmaster General Janes received a telegram from George Wilson, Secretary of the New York Chamber of Commerce, requesting him to say to Mrs. Garfield that the members of the New York Chamber of Commerce have subscribed \$250,000 to be presented to her as a token of sincere sympathy and esteem, and as a means of relieving the President's mind of anxiety as to the future of his family. Mrs. Garfield, on being informed of the generous and thoughtful action of the New Yorkers, was much moved, and remarked that there was so much that was touching and beautiful in the sympathy of the American people that she did not dare to trust herself to think of it.

POLITICAL.

Another ballot was taken on the 1st inst., at Albany, with the following result: For the short term—Potter, 43; Wheeler, 33; Lapham, 13; Rogers, 4; Conkling, 28; Cornell, 6; Folger, 1; Crowley, 2. The Speaker said he had been voting for Thomas C. Platt for the long term. At his request, and in the interest of the Republican party, he withdrew the name of Platt as candidate, and would, when his name was called, vote for Richard Crowley. The vote stood—DePew, 43; Platt, 2; Crowley, 20; North, 1; Lapham, 1; Kerner, 43; Cornell, 15; Chapman, 4; Daniels, 1; Adams, 1.

Two ballots for Senator were taken by the New York Legislature on the 5th inst., resulting for the long term—Bishop, 48; Kerner, 47; Wheeler, 21; Cornell, 15; Crowley, 19. For the short term—Potter, 47; Wheeler, 36; Conkling, 31.

Sergeant Kirkwood notified Mr. French of his suspension from the office of Railroad Commissioner, when Mr. French Thompson informed his intention to resign at once.

Both houses of the New York Legislature, on the 6th inst., unanimously adopted resolutions of sympathy for the wounded President and his afflicted family, and of condemnation of the murderer and his assailant. The ballot for Senator for the short term on that day was as follows: Potter, 53; Wheeler, 42; Crowley, 6; Rogers, 4; Conkling, 32; Cornell, 6; Lapham, 11; Folger, 1. The vote for Platt's successor stood: Kerner, 43; DePew, 63; Cornell, 18; Chapman, 4; Crowley, 4. Sixty-five members of the New York Legislature signed a call for a caucus of the Republican Senators and Assemblymen, to agree, if possible, upon candidates for United States Senators. Only sixty-three were present, however, and the meeting was deferred for one day. Majority and minority reports were made by the Bribery Investigating Committee, which are not conclusive in any way or the other. The majority report omitted the evidence taken, but gave no conclusion, owing to the matter being in the hands of the court.

Sixty-five Republican members of the New York Legislature met in caucus at Albany on the 7th inst., in accordance with previous ar-

rangement. The caucus did not proceed to the nomination of Senatorial candidates, as it was deemed best to give the Conkilites a chance to attend, and it was resolved to call a general or unrestricted caucus, sixty signing the call. The Conkilites men resolved not to attend. The last ballot for the short term showed: Potter, 52; Conkling, 39; Wheeler, 43; Lapham, 11. The ballot for the long term resulted: Kerner, 62; DePew, 49; Cornell, 17; Crowley, 16.

FINANCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.

The Mercantile Agency of Duff, Wyman & Co. announce the extent of business failures for the first six months of 1881. In numbers they amount to 2,862, as compared with 2,497 in the first half of 1880, and 4,018 in 1879. The failures for the first half are stated to be \$40,000,000, compared with \$33,000,000 in the first six months of 1880, and \$65,000,000 in 1879. The semi-annual circular issued by Duff, Wyman & Co. contains reports from forty-four trade centers, nearly all of which indicate a highly prosperous condition of business, with reports almost uniformly favorable as to the condition of the crops, not only of grain, but also of cotton, rice, sugar, tobacco, etc. The entire business outlook, as indicated by this authentic return, seems completely favorable. The necessity of some caution is at the same time indicated.

The Chicago Times has obtained the views of the Western State Boards of Agriculture as to the growing crops. In Ohio the yield is expected to be about 80 per cent. of that of last year, the early sowing being the best. The acreage in Michigan is about the same as in 1880, and only ten or twelve bushels per acre are looked for. Indiana expects a crop of only 30,000,000 bushels, as against 47,000,000 last year, the quality being excellent. Wisconsin has a large acreage and the crop is in fair condition. The lower board estimates the spring-wheat crop at half that of last year, and the winter sown at 44 per cent.

There was coined at the United States mints during the month of June \$6,559,500 worth of gold, \$2,119,370 worth of silver, and \$38,978 worth of base coin.

A year ago the banks of the United States held nearly \$200,000,000 worth of 5 and 6 per cent. bonds; now they hold \$183,000,000 worth of these bonds continued at 8½ per cent. The public debt statement issued July 1 is as follows:

Six per cent. bonds	\$ 196,378,600
Five per cent. bonds	459,341,600
Four per cent. bonds	739,691,750
Refunding certificates	688,800
Any pension fund	14,000,000
Total interest-bearing debt	\$ 1,023,865
Matured debt	1,023,865
Certificates of deposit	94,123,000
Fractional currency	7,115,933
Gold and silver certificates	55,040,450
Total without interest	422,721,054
Total debt	\$ 1,069,613,768
Total interest	20,058,057
Cash in treasury	240,631,418
Debt less cash in treasury	\$ 1,840,691,411
Decrease since June 30, 1880	12,323,159
Interest due and unpaid	\$ 1,255,644
Debt on which interest has ceased	6,733,865
Interest accrued	718,958
Interest paid by companies	55,495,450
Interest paid by the United States	11,252,000
Total	\$ 249,953,418
Available assets	249,953,418
Cash in treasury	249,953,418

(From the South Bend Evening Register.)

WHEN certain powers are claimed for an article, and everybody testifies that it does what is claimed for it, to gain its worth is useless. This is the substance of the St. Jacobs Oil record:

AN ODD FACT.

In a certain minister's family the conversation once turned upon the character of the baby. Why was he so naughty? The brother, who had reached the age of 12, and was studying the steam engine in his interval of catechism, gave vent to his orthodoxy in the following suggestive inquiry: "Papa, as we all inherit the sin of Adam, and the baby is such a little fellow, is there not a greater pressure of sin to the square inch in the baby than in any of the rest of us?"

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THURSDAY, JULY 14, 1881.

Correspondence.

Pure Queer, July 12, 1881.
Bitter Avalanche. Did any one
hear of the big celebration at Higgins
Lake by the Cheneyites?

The recent rains make our farmers
look happy.

Large parties for the Lake are com-
ing every day.

"Sashee by yer pardners and bal-
lance all," is what S. Hutt said when he
was capsized in the river the other day
and anchored on a log. It was too bad
to loose all those nice grayling, but we
would like to have seen those No. 9
stones sailing downstream. Men who
will persist in fishing on the river
would do well to paddle their own
canoe.

The gossips of this village are
making preparations to meet twice-a-
week for the next two weeks; business
being more urgent is probably the
cause. D.

SOUTH BRANCH, July 11, 1881.

Editor Avalanche.—The 4th has
passed and nobody hurt in this part of
the moral vineyard, as far as heard
from. Our Literary Society had a pic-
nic on the 4th. We met in a fine Craw-
ford county grove near Mr. H. G.
Wiley's, and enjoyed another nice feast
of edibles, and a fine literary feast as
usual, but the sad news that was passed
over the wires on Saturday, rather put
a damp to the enjoyments of the
day. Aside from the literary part of
the affair: the news of the attempted
assassination of our loved President;
the day was fine, and we had a few
that did not belong to the Society to
help us to enjoy the 10th anniversary
of our independence. The program
was well made up and well executed,
as far as could be, for the cloud that
was resting over the land. The pro-
gram was as follows:

Address by the President—Mrs. D.
S. Waldron.

Oration—H. G. Wiley.

Reading the By-Laws by the Secre-
tary—Mrs. H. G. Wiley.

Singing by the Choir—Sweet By
and By.

Dinner—By all.

Congregational Singing—Joyfully.

Poem—Mrs. D. S. Waldron.

Recitation, Church Organ—Miss Ni-
na Clark.

Declaration, I didn't Think Tim-
my Cox.

Singing, Kissing Through the Bars—
Sarah and Etta Wisner.

Essay, the Growth of Crawford
County—D. S. Waldron.

Volunteer Speech, the Lever that
Moves and Controls Our Government

Monopolies—W. C. Johnson.

Declaration, You Can't Always Tell
Walter Cox.

Singing the Faded Coat of Blue—
Mr. and Mrs. Wisner.

Adjournment for ice cream and cake.

Speech, the Widest and Best Plat-
form I ever Spoke on—S. A. Bonnel.

Song, Old Grumbler—Byron Wisner,
six years old.

Closing Remarks, the Origin of our
National Holiday, the Fourth of July
1776—D. S. Waldron.

The closing of the exercises was a
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